

UNION CARBIDE CORPORATION

METALS DIVISION

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Mike Thompson Reclamation Hydrologist Division of Oil, Gas and Mining 1588 West North Temple Salt Lake City, Utah 84116

Dear Mike:

The attached permit application is for the Redd Block Four Mining Permit. These properties are contiguous to those of the Hecla Shaft. The proposed shaft location is approximately one mile northeast of the Hecla Shaft.

The surface facilities will be very similar to the Hecla Shaft. It is hoped that on-site work may be approved by November 1, 1979.

If there are further questions or information required, please do not hesitate to call.

Sincerely,

Kent Dahlquist

Mine Engineering Department

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WINING Permit Application

REDD BLOCK FOUR

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REDD BLOCK FOUR

MINING PLAN

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The uranium ore occurs in the Saltwash sandstone member of the Morrison Formation approximately ninehundred feet below the surface. Mining will be conducted in a sound technical and prudent miner-like fashion utilizing a random-room and pillar technique.

The shaft site and main ancillary facilities will be located approximately 1,600 feet east and 500 feet north of the southwest corner of Section 33. The proposed site is located on a southern alluvial fan of the La Sal Mountains having a slope of approximately-5 to-8 degrees to the southwest. Present vegetative cover is predominantly sagebrush with associated vegetative species. Surface disturbances will be necessary for site leveling, access roads and dump area. Some disturbance is already present from drilling and ranching activities. Topsoil will be stockpiled and stabilized where practical in these and future construction operations affecting the surface.

A single, concrete lined, twelve foot shaft entry is proposed with construction to begin in late 1979 or early 1980. Development headings would be driven to the east and to the west. A seven or eight foot diameter venthole will be drilled and lined in 1980 or 1981 to serve as a secondary escapeway. It is anticipated that five or more ventholes, 5, 7, or 8 feet in diameter will be required during the life of the mine.

Waste rock generated from mine development will consist of sandstone and mudstones and will be deposited on the surface to the south and west of the shaft. Where practical topsoil affected by dump expansion will be salvaged and stockpiled. Normal "over the edge" waste dumping will tend to naturally sort the waste materials with the larger rock materials rolling to the bottom, thus forming a free draining waste pile, with an expected 35 degree angle of repose. Past mining experience indicates that slope stability will not be a problem.

The waste rock is expected to be similar in composition to that of the La Sal - Snowball Mine. Testing by Colorado State University found the La Sal - Snowball mine wastes to be capable of supporting salt tolerant vegetation, with a ph of 7.8 and to be low only in phosphorous, with trace elements present.

This operation is not expected to significantly affect either surface or groundwater systems. There are not natural water bodies in the area other than ephemeral drainage

channels. A large dry wash passes through the proposed site area in a south-westerly direction. A culvert or small bridge may have to be installed to cross this channel. Surface facilities and waste dump will be constructed so as to not significantly interfer with the surface drainage patterns. Water for mining operations and change room facilities will be provided by a well located on site. If significant acquifers are encountered in ventilation shaft drilling, these will be lined so as to prevent co-mingling of acquifers and entrance into the mine workings.

The shaft site is located approximately 500 feet east of an existing road and will require the construction of a haulage road for site access. Other small service roads will be required to drill and service ventilation shafts. All roads will be constructed so as to insure proper drainage and erosion control.

REDD BLOCK FOUR

RECLAMATION

Upon final abandonment of the mine, surface debris, scrap metal, discarded wood and other materials will be buried or removed from the site. The headframe, buildings and other surface facilities will be dismantled and removed. The shaft and ventilation holes will be sealed with suitable concrete-steel covers to prevent accidental or unauthorized entry.

Dumps, pads, and other disturbed areas will be stabilized. Stabilization will consist of rounding of the outer edges of the dumps and pads, reducing the slope of waste rock faces and regarding of drainage contours on the affected areas. Topsoil and overburden will be spread back over these areas where possible. Roads will be graded to match the existing topography.

Compacted surfaces will be scarified, and seeded as recommended and then drag covered. Seeding will preferably take place in the fall. At present there are no plans for the addition of a fertilizer. However, should revegetation tests prove soil amendments significantly helpful in establishing vegetation, then amendments and other proven surface techniques will be employed.

TYPICAL CROSS SECTION OF REGRADED AREA WASTE ROCK DUMP

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File No: ACT/037/046

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Re: Commitment to Rule M-10

Gentlemen:

I hereby commit the applicant to comply with Rule M-10, "Reclamation Standards" in its entirety, as adopted by the Board of Oil, Gas, and Mining on March 22n 1978.

The applicant will achieve the reclamation standards for the following categories as outlined from Rule M-10 on all areas of the land affected by this mine, unless a variance is granted in writing by the Division.

Rule	Category of Commitment
M-10(1)	Land Use
M-10(2)	Public Safety & Welfare
M-10(3)	Impoundments
M-10(4)	Slopes
M-10(5)	Highwalls
M-10(6)	Toxic Materials
M-10(7)	Roads and Pads
M-10(8)	Drainages
M-10(9)	Structures & Equipment
M-10(10)	Shafts and Portals
M-10(11)	Sediment Control
M-10(12)	Revegetation
M-10(13)	Dams
M-10(14)	Soils

I believe a variance is justified on a site-specific basis for the following subsections of Rule M-10 for reclamation on this mine and have enclosed as an attachment to this letter a narrative statement setting forth a description of the extent of the variance request and factual reasons for said variance request.

Rule	Category of Variance Request (Narrative Attached)
STATE OF COLORADO	
COUNTY OF MONTROSE	
I,Fay J. Earley	, having been duly sworn depose
and attest that all of the represe	ntations contained in the foregoing application
are true to the best of my knowled	ge; that I am authorized to complete and file
this application on behalf of the .	Applicant and this application has been executed
as required by law.	
	Signed: tree
Taken, subscribed and sw	orn to before me the undersigned authority
in my said county, this 18th day	
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